

Historical Resources

Mission

To promote, preserve and make accessible Indiana's historical artifacts, papers, properties, photographs and legal records of government and to commemorate the valor, fidelity, and sacrifice of Indiana's veterans.

Summary of Activities

Historical Resources programs are managed by the Historical Bureau, the Commission on Public Records, the Department of Natural Resources, and the War Memorials Commission.

The **Historical Bureau** promotes public awareness of Indiana's history by celebrating special events, placing historical markers, and displaying the Governors' Portraits Collection. The Bureau edits and publishes Indiana history books and magazines, develops public education materials, coordinates with county historians and supports the Junior Historical Society and the private Indiana Historical Society.

The **Indiana State Library** through its Indiana Division collects and maintains current and historical materials on Indiana. The collection includes over 70,000 books including histories, biographies, directories, magazines, newsletters, atlases, state documents, and works of fiction by Indiana authors. The collection contains over 50,000 pamphlets, 11,000 maps, 3 million pieces of manuscript, 80,000 reels of microfilmed Indiana newspapers and 150 current subscriptions of Indiana newspapers.

The **Commission on Public Records** manages the birth-to-death life cycle of all government records, preserving the most valuable legal and historical records in the State Archives. The Archives include government records dating back to the territorial period of the 1790s. The Archives include over 25,000 square feet of records, including 100,000 aerial photographs.

The **Department of Natural Resources** (DNR), Division of Museums and Historic Sites includes sixteen historic properties throughout the state. The Division identifies, collects, preserves and interprets the natural and cultural history of Indiana. The historic sites collectively strive to educate the visiting public about the state through on-site interpretive tours, programs, and special events.

The **War Memorials Commission** manages the War Memorial Plaza National Historic District, the Soldiers and Sailors Monument and the USS Indianapolis National Memorial in downtown Indianapolis, operates military museums in both the World War Memorial and the Soldiers and Sailors Monument, maintains the Hoosier Veterans Database, and serves as the landlord to the American Legion.

External Factors

Indiana's success in preserving and promoting its historical resources has led to increasing demands created by an increasing number of visitors and researchers, coupled with an additional need for research material and increasing numbers of historic places, markers and buildings.



The Fall of Fort Sackville,
by Frederick C. Yohn

Evaluation and Accomplishments

Despite an increasing number of visitors and researchers, improved physical and staff services are provided each year. Public Records patrons have increased more than 100 percent since the early 1990s, while a smaller staff handles a more than 200 percent increase in the number of legal records created, preserved and made accessible.

The remodeling project for the Indiana State Library and Historical Building was completed. The input from users has been highly favorable with their liking the new open friendly rooms, the increased number of resources available for the user to browse through, the increased number of public access terminals, and the combining of the microform areas in one area.

The DNR successfully opened the new Indiana State Museum and continues to build upon that success with an ever increasing membership base.



La Porte's Carnegie Library
Marker

Plans for the Biennium

The Commission on Public Records will continue to place all indexes to records on the Internet after microfilming the original records.

The Indiana State Library will add several online electronic databases.

The DNR will continue to develop and enhance historic interpretation at the State Museum and Historic sites in an effort to increase public access to a variety of historical exhibits and artifacts.

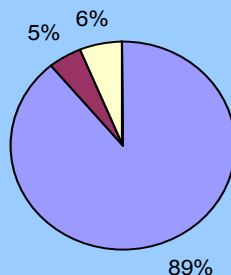
The War Memorials Commission is adding complete Civil War and WW I files to the Hoosier database and completing the rehabilitation of the State National Headquarters buildings of the American Legion.

Program: 0800

| | Actual FY 2001 | Actual FY 2002 | Estimate FY 2003 | Appropriation FY 2004 | Appropriation FY 2005 |
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| (All Funds) | \$18,007,892 | \$12,333,943 | \$13,752,388 | \$16,594,452 | \$13,839,949 |

Sources of Funds FY 2004 (Approp)

General Dedicated Federal Other



Uses of Funds FY 2004 (Approp)

Personal Services Distributions Capital Other

